

Our Services

Camping for All would like to help you find a place at camp for your camper with special needs. We offer the following services:

1. **Referral Service:** Fill out a screening form and we'll use our database and connections to camps to help find a place that will meet your camper's needs. The database includes mainstream and special needs camps.
2. **Workshops:** We can present our "**Choosing a Camp for your Child**" workshop for your parent or professional group. We can also provide a presentation on current camping opportunities.

Contact us at:

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to get started.

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**Give someone the
experience of a lifetime.
Send them to camp!**

Camping For All



***Opening the world of camp
to people with special
needs***

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Mission and Programs



Summer is a time when people all over the world go to camp. It is a time to learn social and independent living skills along with

music, sports, and arts and crafts. Unfortunately, it can be difficult for people with disabilities to find a camp where their needs can be met.

Camping for All was founded to assure that everyone has access to the joys and benefits that come from attending camp.

We meet this mission by:

- Helping people find camps that can accommodate their needs.
- Providing training and support to camps that are interested in increasing their inclusion of people with special needs.

Linking People to Camps

Camping for All helps people find appropriate camps through workshops and a referral service.

Our workshop, ***Choosing a Camp for your Child***, is available to groups of parents and professionals. Topics include:

- Where to look for camps
- Questions to ask camp personnel
- Information to give the camp to insure a successful camp experience

We also have a workshop that presents information about camps that serve particular populations such as people with intellectual disabilities or on the autism spectrum.

Our referral service helps link people with camps that are able to meet their needs. We use our database of over 70 camps and summer programs and our connections with their staffs to help people find an appropriate match.

Helping Camps Include

Camping for All works with camps to help them welcome more people with special needs. We have provided training on inclusion to professionals from more than three dozen camps and recreation programs.

We also partner with camps to create inclusion projects that fit their

program. We have provided trained mentors to work with children at The Wintergreen Nature Foundation, Woodworking for Children, 4H and Charlottesville Parks and Recreation. We also created a program for deaf children with Brethren Woods Camp and Retreat Center.

Our Staff

Our director, Deborah Shapiro, has more than 30 years of experience working with people with special needs in home, school and community settings. She has also spent 14 summers working at camps. She holds a Bachelor's degree in Special Education and an Educational Specialist degree in Counseling Psychology.

What Parents Are Saying

“The information you provided was extremely helpful. Thanks for your insight and opening our eyes to special needs possibilities.”

-Parent of a future camper